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GOVERNOR APPOINTS OLSON AND RICHARDS TO CALIFORNIA VETERANS BOARD

EDWARD OLSON

Governor Schwarzenegger has appointed Edward Olson, 78, of Yountville, to the California Veterans Board. He has been a resident of the Yountville Veterans Home since 2006. From 1986 to 2005, Olson was self-employed in real estate, building contracting and home inspection. From 1968 to 1985, he was chief engineer for Information Magnetics Corporation and from 1968 to 1969 was senior engineer for Applied Magnetics Corporation.

Prior to that, Olson was chief engineer for General Instrument Corporation from 1958 to 1968 and engineer for Northern American Aviation from 1955 to 1957.

This position requires Senate confirmation.

LT. COL. THOMAS RICHARDS (RET.)

Governor Schwarzenegger has appointed Lt. Col. Thomas Richards (Ret.), 60, of San Diego, to the California Veterans Board by. Since 2006, he has been the executive director of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Historical Society and also has owned and operated Caliburnus Enterprises, a business and Internet consulting firm, since 1996.

Additionally, since 1992, Richards has served as the head of the Marine Corps History and Museum Headquarters Historical Branch. From 2002 to 2003, he was the director of training operations for Surgical Shooting, Incorporated, and in 2002, was chief operating officer of 2100 Publishing Co, Incorporated.

Richards served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1995, in numerous ranks including training officer, graduate instructor, military historian, commanding officer, operations officer, assistant training officer and executive officer. He is the president and first vice president of the Spirit of Fourth, Incorporated, national commander of the Legion of Valor, member of the board of directors of San Diego's Veterans Museum and Memorial Center and past chair of the San Diego County United Veterans Council.

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